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From: Presidency
To: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)
Subject: Eighth round of mutual evaluations - Order of visits and observers

In line with Article 2 of the Joint Action 97/827/JHA of 5 December 1997, the GENVAL Working Party decided at its meeting of 14 December 2016 that the eighth round of mutual evaluations will be devoted to the practical implementation and operation of the European policies on preventing and combating environmental crime. The draft questionnaire proposed as a basis for the evaluation, in its current version, is set out in doc. [7752/17](#).

With a view to further advancing the preparation process for the eighth evaluation round, delegations will find in the Annex a proposed order of visits to the Member States. This suggestion takes into account, among others, of the reverse order of the visits carried out for the seventh evaluation round, of the order of the incoming Presidencies, as well as of the preferences expressed by some delegations.

As regards the composition of the evaluation teams, they will consist of two national experts, supported by one or two members of the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council and observers. Taking into account their respective fields of expertise, the Presidency suggests that the Commission, Eurojust and Europol are invited as observers in the eighth round of mutual evaluations.

In the light of the above, at its meeting on 7 April 2017, the GENVAL Working Party is invited:

- to endorse the proposed order of the visits to the Member States in the eighth round of mutual evaluations, as set out in the Annex;
- to agree on the proposed composition of the evaluation teams, as indicated above, regarding the observers.

**8th round of Mutual Evaluations:
Order of visits to the Member States**

N.	MEMBER STATE	TIME OF THE VISIT
1.	FRANCE	JULY 2017
2.	ITALY	SEPTEMBER 2017
3.	SWEDEN	SEPTEMBER 2017
4.	FINLAND	OCTOBER 2017
5.	IRELAND	OCTOBER 2017
6.	LUXEMBOURG	NOVEMBER 2017
7.	GERMANY	NOVEMBER 2017
8.	SLOVAKIA	JANUARY 2018
9.	BELGIUM	JANUARY 2018
10.	DENMARK	FEBRUARY 2018
11.	LATVIA	FEBRUARY 2018
12.	HUNGARY	MARCH 2018
13.	CZECH REPUBLIC	MARCH 2018
14.	CYPRUS	APRIL 2018
15.	CROATIA	APRIL 2018
16.	GREECE	MAY 2018
17.	MALTA	JUNE 2018
18.	LITHUANIA	JUNE 2018
19.	POLAND	JULY 2018
20.	SPAIN	SEPTEMBER 2018
21.	SLOVENIA	SEPTEMBER 2018
22.	NETHERLANDS	OCTOBER 2018
23.	ESTONIA	OCTOBER 2018
24.	BULGARIA	NOVEMBER 2018
25.	ROMANIA	NOVEMBER 2018
26.	AUSTRIA	JANUARY 2019
27.	PORTUGAL	JANUARY 2019
28.	UNITED KINGDOM	FEBRUARY 2019